

REMARKS

In U.S. Application Serial No. 09/231,625 ("the parent application"), in an office action mailed April 22, 2002, claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. 5,502,726 ("Fisher"), and the remaining claims were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher in view of US Pat. 6,137,797 ("Bass").

Claims 3-7, and 14 have been cancelled, and independent claims 1, 8, 13, and 18 have been amended.

Claim 1 now requires "at least some of the access points provide a conduit for data communications to the mobile units independently of destination address data in said communications that identify a mobile unit."

In Fischer, each RF Bridge (20, 22, 24) itself determines whether to forward data communications based on the destination of the communications: "RF bridges use dynamic routing, meaning that the RF bridge is able to determine the required inter-segment logical connections, termed routes, by monitoring the traffic traversing the bridge." (col. 31, lines 25-28). Therefore this forwarding is not independent of the address data in those communications. Furthermore, none of the other cited references disclose or suggest an access point that processes data communications independently of destination address data identifying a mobile unit. The cited references when combined do not disclose or suggest all the limitations of claim 1, which is therefore allowable.

Independent claims 8, 13, and 18 are allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Dependent claims 2, 9-12, and 15-17 are allowable for at least the reasons set forth for the independent claims upon which they respectively depend.

The Applicant has added claims 19-23, including independent claims 19 and 22, which also include limitations not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

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Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks.

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